THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No such proposal is under consideration as slum development is a State subject.

(c) Question does not arise.

(d) Valmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana (VAMBAY) has been subsumed in the Jawaharlal Nehru National Urban Renewal Mission (JNNURM) with effect from 3.12.2005.

Land for housing in cities

2628. SHRIMATI SUPRIYA SULE: Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has proposed that 15-25 per cent of land for housing in every city be reserved for the urban poor;

(b) if so, whether the proposal would be part of the National Housing and Habitat Policy, 2007 which is to be cleared by the Centre shortly;

(c) whether as per tentative National Housing Board plan, 450 sq. ft. flats costing Rs. 4.50 lakh each, would be built in metros for consumers belonging to the lower income group; and

(d) if so, by when a final decision for implementing this proposal is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA): (a) and (b) In the proposed National Urban Housing and Habitat Policy-2007, there is a provision to earmark at all levels, including the new public/private housing colonies a portion of land at affordable rates for housing for the Economically Weaker Section and Low Income Group. This could be 10-15% land area to accommodate 20-25% dwelling units for Economically Weaker Section and Low Income Group.

(c) There is no National Housing Board.

(d) In view of (c) above, the question does not arise.